

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN D. LYONS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kevin D. Lyons the Illustrious Potentate of the Oman Temple Number 72 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Prince Hall Affiliated. The Temple membership is honoring him at the Potentate's Ball on May 19th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

A native of New Jersey, Kevin attended East Orange High School with an emphasis in College Preparatory Music. He graduated from Delaware State University with a major in Music Education and obtained his masters degree at Howard University in Performance and Jazz Studies.

Bringing his love of music to Michigan, Kevin works for the Beecher Community School District as the district-wide assistant director of bands. He also provides private lessons in drum and percussion instruments and is a professional drummer with the music group "Deep Blue." He is a life member of the Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity and the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America. He belongs to the Music Educators National Conference, National Association of Rudimental Drummers, the Percussive Art Society International Conference, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and all Prince Hall Masonic Houses.

In addition to being a committed music teacher, Kevin also uses his talent for the worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is a member of Vermont Christian Church and is the Chairman of the Media Ministry. He is the former president of the Christian Men's Fellowship, a former co-sponsor of the Youth Ushers, and a participant on the Finance Team.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Kevin D. Lyons's devotion to his community, his students, his church, and to congratulate him for his service to the Oman Temple Number 72.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I was in my Congressional District and unable to be present for votes on May 7, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of rollcalls Nos. 302, 303, and 304.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY COUNOYER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Beverly Cournoyer, a Registered Nurse, who is a distinguished and devoted professional in her field.

Beverly earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Kansas and her Master's in Business Administration from University of Nevada Las Vegas. She has been a Registered Nurse for over 30 years. Beverly's career in public health care began with work on a Native American Indian Reservation, where she used her expertise to address the specific health care requirements of the population she served. When Beverly moved to Las Vegas, she committed herself to changing the way in which the Las Vegas community is served in regards to understanding the importance of public health care and home health care. Beverly developed and established a program to evaluate the long-term health care needs of extremely ill elderly patients in order to minimize their need for admissions to hospitals or to nursing homes. Her home health care program proved to be not only cost effective, but also dramatically improved the patients' quality of life.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Beverly Cournoyer. Her passion and her love of nursing have improved the lives of countless of patients in Las Vegas. I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House of Representatives last week due to the birth of my son. If I had been able to be present, I would have voted as follows:

H.R. 1868—Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act: rollcall No. 301—"yea"; rollcall No. 300—"yea."

H.R. 1592—To provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes: rollcall No. 299—"nay"; rollcall No. 298—"yea"; rollcall No. 297—"nay"; rollcall No. 296—"nay."

H.R. 1867—To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes: rollcall No. 295—"yea"; rollcall No. 294—"yea"; rollcall No. 293—"nay"; rollcall No. 292—"yea"; rollcall No. 291—"yea"; rollcall No. 290—"yea"; rollcall No. 289—"yea"; rollcall No. 288—"nay"; rollcall No. 287—"yea."

H.R. 1429—To reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes: rollcall No. 285—"yea";

Improving Head Start Act—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions:

Rollcall No. 284—"yea."

Amendment No. 11: rollcall No. 283—"nay."

Amendment No. 9: rollcall No. 282—"nay."

Amendment No. 7: rollcall No. 281—"yea."

Amendment No. 5: rollcall No. 280—"yea."

Amendment No. 4: rollcall No. 279—"yea."

Amendment No. 3: rollcall No. 278—"yea."

Amendment No. 2: rollcall No. 277—"yea."

H.R. 1591 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: rollcall No. 276—"nay"; rollcall No. 275—"nay."

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING STIMULATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1868) to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Chairman, as we find ourselves falling farther and farther behind countries like China and India, which are graduating thousands more engineers and mathematicians than we are, America needs continued technological innovation to remain atop the global economy.

Yet industrial research and development that leads to breakthrough innovation is often expensive, and positive results are often a long time coming.

This can be especially problematic for small businesses. But America cannot afford not to help small business get the technology and training they need to compete in the world market.

I sponsored and supported H.R. 1868 in committee, largely because it includes two programs to help small businesses: the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Technology Innovation Program.

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership helps America's small manufacturers improve productivity and competitiveness through technology. The Technology Innovation Program too assists small business to pursue new technology development.

By supporting these programs we are supporting industry and ensuring that our economy continues to lead the world in technological innovation.

I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 1868.

HONORING MARK HOWE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mark Howe for receiving the 2007 Distinguished Friend Award from the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation. This nonprofit foundation was created to help support the educational programs and activities for students and staff of the GCISD. Programs to assist students in skill and achievement development, acknowledge staff accomplishments and develop broader involvement within the community are all funded by the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation.

Mr. Howe has served on numerous GCISD advisory committees and for more than 6 years he has been the director for the Education Foundation serving as the Foundation's President for 2½ years. Mr. and Mrs. Howe donated a \$25,000 endowment to the foundation in honor of Mr. Howe's mother, Inez Cannon Howe, a retired teacher. The Howe's children have all graduated from the